## The County of Centre

## PROCLAMATION

## **NUMBER 30 OF 2021**

WHEREAS, the United Way Day of Caring powered by PNC began 28 years ago when retired Marine Colonel, Gerald Russell, asked community members, high school students, Penn State students, and local businesses to come together on the first Thursday in October to volunteer their time for local non-profit organizations; and

WHEREAS, the Centre County United Way, with financial support from PNC Bank, took on the role of recruitment of volunteers and coordination of the day, fulfilling Colonel Russell's vision of a day of community service; and

WHEREAS, it takes every part of the community – individuals, business, and organizations to supply the passion, expertise, and resources needed to create lasting change for the better; and

WHEREAS, over the past 27 years, this single day of volunteer service has placed over 65,000 volunteers who completed more than 3,500 projects saving the non-profit agencies and the County over 10 million dollars; and

WHEREAS, the 28th Annual United Way Day of Caring powered by PNC will take place on Thursday, October 7, 2021. Everyone in Centre County is invited to volunteer their time to give back to our community in a way that is meaningful and support United Way by visiting https://www.ccunitedway.org/pnc-bank-day-caring.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED in recognition of 28 years of service to the Centre County community, the Centre County Board of Commissioners does hereby proclaim October 7, 2021 as a "Day of Caring" and urges all citizens to support the United Way.

ADOPTED this 21st day of September 2021.

CENTRE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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